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REPORT

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2. A three-page report on naval vessel sightings in and near Kronshtadt

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Vessels sighted include
the following: a SVERDLOV-class cruiser, a probable
KRONSHADT-class submarine chaser, the cruiser KIROV,
a probable KRONSHADT-class submarine chaser,
two MTBs, a probable OTLICHNYY-class
destroyer, the cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV,
a submarine about 50 meters long with an oval
unstepped conning tower; a probable W-class submarine.

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1. Comment: The DONBASS-class range instrumentation ships
are now designated as SIBIR-class missile range instrumentation ships.

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the Leningrad and Kronshtadt
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1. The following naval vessels were observed in the Leningrad area

- a. One cruiser, 1 1/2 nautical miles west of Kronshtadt. The cruiser was, with the help of a tugboat, in the process of mooring between four pilings.¹
- b. A short distance behind the above-mentioned cruiser a vessel described as a coastal patrol vessel.²
- c. A vessel described as a small minelayer, outside Kronshtadt.³
- d. Inside Kronshtadt harbor:

One cruiser
One coastal patrol vessel
Two MT
One naval vessel described as a large, old corvette
One naval vessel described as the cruiser
The guns had been dismounted.
One submarine, ca. 50 meters long, with oval, non-stepped conning-tower

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- e. One submarine in the Gulf of Bothnia heading for Leningrad. Only the conning-tower was visible above the water.⁹

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4. As far as could be seen, there were no vessels in the basins nor under construction on the slips in the Zhdanov Shipyard.

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an atomic tugboat was under construction at Leningrad and anyone interested was welcome to go and see it.¹⁰

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Comments

2. This patrol vessel is a reconstruction of the former Polish-built B 31 class, and is probably one of the following vessels: PERVOURALSK, PROKOPYEVSK, PAVLOGRAD, or PERM. With the exception of PROKOPYEVSK, none of the vessels have sailed in free waters, but have gone from Polish shipyards in Gdansk (Danzig) to Leningrad. Pavlograd and Perm, however, called at Tallin en route. Class B 31 was inaugurated in 1952 and has since undergone alterations to satisfy requirements for a modern cargo vessel. Even so, the latest version of this type, to which the four above-mentioned vessels belong, is still out of date by Western standards. The following is the data of the B 31 class:

Over-all length:	108.25 meters
Length between perpendiculars:	101.05 meters
Width:	14.60 meters
Depth to main deck:	8.00 meters
Draught:	6.65 meters
Speed:	12.5 knots
Engine capacity:	2,500 HP
Deadweight:	5,000 tons
Gross weight:	4,180 tons
Net weight:	1,931 tons
Cruising range:	6,000 nautical miles.

The vessel has four hatches, eight 5-ton and one 20-ton derricks, and an oil-burning steam engine with exhaust steam turbine. It has bunkering for 460 tons and a daily consumption of 23 tons.

Of the five groups of antennas seen on the photograph, the one farthest abaft, which is also the largest, is probably identical with the radar type (BIGNET?) which has been observed on the reconstructed T-43-class minesweepers.

The type of the other antennas cannot be identified from the photograph.

The vessel may be assumed to be used for early air warning.

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